

HOWARD H. BAKER, JR. UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

DECEMBER 18, (legislative day of DECEMBER 15), 1995.—Referred to the House
Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SHUSTER, from the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2547]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2547) to designate the United States courthouse located at 800 Market Street in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the “Howard H. Baker, Jr. United States Courthouse”, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

Howard H. Baker, Jr. has served his country in several capacities throughout his long and distinguished career, including three terms as a United States Senator from 1967 until January of 1985, and as President Ronald Reagan’s Chief of Staff from February 1987 until July of 1988.

Mr. Baker was born November 15, 1925, in Huntsville, Tennessee. Following his undergraduate studies at the University of South and Tulane University, Mr. Baker pursued a law degree at the University of Tennessee. Prior to engaging in the practice of law, Mr. Baker served three years in the United States Navy during World War II.

In 1949, Mr. Baker joined his father, the late Congressman Howard H. Baker, in the family law practice first founded by his grandfather in 1888, Baker, Worthington, Crossley & Stansberry. In 1995, the firm merged to become Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell, the largest firm in Tennessee; and it is where Mr. Baker, Jr. continues to practice.

Mr. Baker comes from a very long and distinguished family of public servants. Both of his parents served in the United House of Representatives; and his father-in-law, Everett Dirksen, was Republican Leader of the United States Senate from 1959 through 1969. Mr. Baker, Jr. began his career in public service in 1966. He

was the first Republican popularly elected to the United States Senate from Tennessee, and won reelection by wide margins in 1972 and 1978. He also served as a delegate to the United Nations in 1976, and served on the President's Foreign Intelligence Board from 1985 through 1987, and again in 1988 until 1990.

Mr. Baker first won national recognition in 1973 as the Vice Chairman of the Senate Watergate Committee. He also was a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1980. He concluded his Senate career by serving two terms as Minority Leader and two terms as Majority Leader.

Mr. Baker also has received numerous awards and honorary degrees, including the nation's highest civilian award The Presidential Medal of Freedom, in 1984; and the Jefferson Award for the Greatest Public Service Performed by an Elected or Appointed Official, in 1982.

Additionally, Mr. Baker is a noted author, having published three books; and photographer, having been elected into The Photo Marketing Association's Hall of Fame in 1994. He serves on the boards of numerous international organizations, corporations and the world renowned Mayo Clinic.

Howard H. Baker, Jr. is one of the most distinguished and accomplished men ever to serve his country, H.R. 2547 is a fitting and appropriate tribute to this fine American.

COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XI

With respect to the requirements of clause 2(l)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

(1) The Committee held hearings on this legislation on December 7, 1995.

(2) The requirements of section 308(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are not applicable to this legislation since it does not provide new budget authority or new or increased tax expenditures.

(3) The Committee has received no report from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of oversight findings and recommendations arrived at under clause 4(C)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Under clause (2)(l)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure estimates that enactment of H.R. 2547 will have no significant inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operations of the national economy.

COST OF LEGISLATION

Clause 7(a) of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires a statement of the estimated cost to the United States which will be incurred in carrying out H.R. 2547, as reported, in fiscal year 1996, and each of the following five years. Implementation of this legislation is not expected to result in any increased costs to the United States.

COMMITTEE ACTION AND VOTE

In compliance with clause (2)(l)(2) (A) and (B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, at a meeting of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on December 14, 1995, a quorum being present, H.R. 2547 was unanimously approved by a voice vote and ordered reported.

